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From: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:12 PM
To: Lilley, Bliss
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Subject: FW: opposition to capx2020

From: jgilmer@hotmail.com [mailto:jgilmer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2009 11:13 PM
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC
Subject: opposition to capx2020

Dear Ms. Strength-

My name is Jayne Gilmer and I live at 245 Sather Valley Rd. in Houston, MN. My husband Jim and I purchased 120 acres of our farm in 2006 and last June bought the remaining 180 acres. Being that we have been registered landowners for 3 years and just last Wednesday found out about the shocking proposal of capx2020 is one thing, but the reasons for my opposition are too numerous to list here. The fact that one of the proposed routes would run directly through my property without having the opportunity to have vehemently opposed this decision is directly linked to an argument made by Citizens Task Force attorney Paula Maccabee. She found that the PUC Excel Energy's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission from 2006 to 2008 show energy demands dropped from the minimum requirement for new lines. "That's a number, 24,701 megawatts, that the administrative judge specifically relied on in finding there was a regional need for the projects." Those demands should require the commission re-open the record. The people in this area do not need, REQUIRE or want to pay for this project. I respectfully ask you to consider all the issues that affect me and my family.

sincerely,
Jayne Gilmer
245 Sather Valley Rd.
Houston, MN 55943
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Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

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